GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:75
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Swachh Bharat Kosh
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds collected under Swachh Bharat Kosh and the quantum of funds utilized so and far and the source of the funds so collected;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the flow of funds recently and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any initiatives have been taken to boost donations from the corporate sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the work for which funds raised under Swachh Bharat Kosh are being used at present;

(e) the funds spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) component of Swachh Bharat Mission during each of the last three years and the current year against targeted amounts; and (f) the steps taken by the Government of expedite IEC at the same pace as construction of toilets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) So far, an amount of Rs. 468.15 crores received from individuals as well as corporates sector under Swachh Bharat Kosh. Out of which, Rs. 381.33 crores have been released to implementing agencies of the State Government on the recommendations of the Governing Council of Swachh Bharat Kosh trust(SBKT).

(b) Year-wise flow of funds are as under :-

Year Amount(Rs. In crores)
2014-15 159.52
2015-16 253.04
2016-17(As on 20.01.2017) 51.61
Accrued interest 3.98

The quantum of the funds collected depends on the voluntary donations made by the contributors.

(c) Yes, Madam. The contributions to Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK) can be included by companies towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Swachh Bharat Kosh are eligible for deduction of 100% from the total income tax under section 80G, other than the sums spent from CSR. Contributions to the Kosh are also exempted from Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).

(d) At present the funds raised under Swachh Bharat Kosh is being utilised for repair/construction of dysfunctional toilets in Govt. Schools and households in Rural areas as per the proposals received from Nodal Ministries/Departments i.e. Department of School Education and Literacy and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

(e) Funds spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during each of the last three years and the current year is as under :-

S.N. Year Amount spent on IEC (Rs. In crore)
1. 2013-14 266.08
2. 2014-15 254.76
3. 2015-16 307.57
4. 2016-17(As on 31.1.2017) 281.52

(f) The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and hygiene. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Up to 8% of total resources can be spent on

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) - of these 5% are to be spent at the State and district levels. The States have been advised to spend at least 60% of IEC funds for inter-personal communication (IPC) activities. Many States are focusing on community approach, wherein the people are directly triggered and made aware about the importance of sanitation and hygiene using some triggering tools. Besides, conventional IEC tools are also used to educate the people. Trainings of Collectors and key stakeholders is being done regularly on people's education.